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(NOTAL); (G) STATE 083610 (140035Z APR 77) (NOTAL);
(H) USNATO 2251 (DTG 190640Z APR 77) (NOTAL); (I) USNATO
2303 (DTG 201825Z APR 77) (NOTAL); (J) STATE 084815
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SUMMARY: THERE FOLLOWS BELOW OUR COMMENTS ON THE
INDIVIDUAL ITEMS IN THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETING, MAY 17-18. END SUMMARY

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1. ITEM I. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROOGROUP:
DETAILED DISCUSSION IS IN REF D.
2. ITEM II. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE:
THE CMC'S STATE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE DPC,
BUT WE WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE IMS TO OBTAIN A COPY IN
ADVANCE OF THE DPC IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
3. THE RESTRICTED SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM II.

4. ITEM III. NATO DEFENSE PLANNING

A. MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE - 1977: PERMREPS WILL DISCUSS DRAFT REPORT (DPC/D(77)6) (REF E) ON APRIL 28. OUR DETAILED COMMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN REF F.

5. ITEM III.B FLEXIBILITY STUDIES: IN SPRING, 1976, MINISTERS REQUESTED A REPORT ON THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE 1977 SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE IS IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF DRAFTING THE EWG'S REPORT, WHICH IS BASED ON INPUTS FROM THE DPC COMMITTEES ADDRESSING FLEXIBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER THEIR COGNIZANCE. THE EWG WILL MEET ON 28 APRIL TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT REPORT, WHICH WILL: (A) GIVE A PROCEDURAL ACCOUNTING OF THE STATUS OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS NATO COMMITTEES, AND (B) HIGHLIGHT THOSE SELECTED RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH REQUIRE MINISTERIAL ATTENTION. WE WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE BY SEPTTEL WHEN THE DRAFT IS REPORT IS CIRCULATED.

6. ITEM IV. COOPERATION IN DEFENCE EQUIPMENT MATTERS.

(A. HARMONIZATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMES:) THIS ITEM REMAINS IN BRACKETS PENDING CIRCULATION OF A PO BY SYG LUNS SPECIFYING HIS REASONS FOR WANTING ITS DELETION. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN REF G WE WILL WORK TO KEEP THIS ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND TO HAVE IT INCLUDE A STATUS REPORT, WHICH OUTLINES HOW REQUIRED WORK WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.

7. ITEM IV.B INTEROPERABILITY REPORT. THE DRAFT REPORT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTERS (AC/297-D/30(REVISED) AND OUR COMMENTS WERE FORWARDED BY REF H. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON APRIL 28 TO CONSIDER NATIONAL VIEWS ON THE REPORT AND COMPLETE IT.

8. ITEM IV.C. INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS IN NATO: THE REPORT TO MINISTERS IS BEING SUBMITTED JOINTLY BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, THE NATO JOINT C-E COMMITTEE (NJCEC), THE NATO COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE (NCCDPC), AND THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD). (IN DECEMBER 1976 THE MINISTERS RECEIVED AND NOTED A MEMORANDUM GIVING THE STATUS OF THIS REPORT.) CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH NATIONAL TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, IT IDENTIFIES THE BARRIERS TO INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF PRESENT SYSTEMS AND OUTLINES ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT IN THE FUTURE NATO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE SECURE AND INTEROPERABLE. TWO THEMES GO THROUGH THESE ACTIONS: (1) FULL INTEROPERABILITY DEMANDS THAT SYSTEMS BE COMMON OR BE DESIGNED TO COMMON SPECIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS, AND (2) NATIONS SHOULD SEEK WAYS TO COOPERATE OR TO COLLABORATE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW SYSTEMS. MINISTERS WILL BE ASKED TO:
(A) NOTE MAIN OBSERVATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS IN SECTION VII.
(B) AGREE THAT NO FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SHOULD BE DEVELOPED OR PROCURED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSIDERATION TO COLLABORATION AMONG CONCERNED ALLIES TO ASSURE INTEROPERABILITY.

(C) AGREE TO GIVE PERSONAL DIRECTION AND SUPPORT TO ACHIEVING
INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS.

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9. ITEM IV.D REPORT BY THE CNAD: COMMENT WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL,
BASED ON OUTCOME OF CNAD DISCUSSIONS APRIL 26-28.

10. ITEM V. NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM:
THE IS IS DRAFTING A REPORT FOR MINISTERS ON NATO AEW WHICH WE
EXPECT TO COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) BACKGROUND; (B) STATUS
OF ON-GOING ACTIVITIES, TO INCLUDE FORCE SIZE ANALYSES, BASING
STUDIES AND CONFIGURATION DISCUSSIONS; AND (C) SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE
ACTIVITIES (REF I). THIS REPORT WILL BE ISSUED DURING WEEK OF
APRIL 25.

11. ITEM VI. INFRASTRUCTURE: ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE
PERIOD 1975-1979: IN VIEW OF THE STATEMENTS BY THE BELIGAN AND
ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ON 19
APRIL 1977 (REPORTED REF K) THE COMMITTEE WILL FORWARD A STATUS
REPORT TO THE DPC FOR REFERRAL TO MINISTERS. THE REPORT WILL
STRESS THE INCREASING URGENCY OF THE SITUATION AND RECOMMEND
THAT MINISTERS RENEW THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH AN EARLY AGREEMENT.
SINCE THE ISSUES HOLDING UP BELGIAN AND ITALIAN COMMITMENTS ARE
ESSENTIALLY INTERNAL TO THOSE COUNTRIES, THE MINISTERS WILL BE
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ABLE TO DO LITTLE MORE THAN REVIEW THE NEED AND EXHORT THE LAGGARDS.
WITH CONTINUED PRESSURE, THESE TWO REMAINING APPLES MAY BE
READY TO FALL FROM THE TREE AT DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING. WE
ASSUME THAT SECDEF WILL PLAN TO REITERATE THE BASIS US POSITION,
WHICH WAS MOST RECENTLY OUTLINED IN REF J.

12. ITEM VII. MBFR: WE EXPECT NO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

13. ITEM VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: WE KNOW OF NO ITEMS.

14. ITEM IX. COMMUNIQUE: DRAFTING HAS NOT YET BEGUN. WE
WILL FORWARD OUR DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS BY SEPTTEL. STREATOR

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